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MARGINAL COLUMN

By Edward Crankshaw

ANY comment on the state of the Soviet Union and international Communism at this moment can be nothing more than a hastily scrawled footnote to history. To attempt at this stage a reasoned analysis of what will happen next, not even the chief actors in this drama, the Soviet leaders themselves, are in a position to do. We find ourselves in the middle of an earthquake. We do not know how long the earthquake will continue, how far it will spread, or how violent its convulsions will become. All we know is that the ground that seemed so firm a short time ago is heaving. Lofly edifices and colossal monuments have toppled. But as soon as the situation appears to be stabilizing, the movement starts off again.

THINK the Stalinist leader of the largest Communist Party in Western Europe, Signor Togliatti, reproaches the Moscow leaders with ineptitude and declares that the Soviet system can no longer serve as a model for the Communist Parties of other lands. The "Daily Worker" in New York quizzically demands proper explanation of what is going on from the great man in the Kremlin. The "Daily Worker" in London apologizes to its readers for not being able to print the Khrushchev indictment before the London "Observer." Mr. Howard Fast, the American novelist who has been a faithful Stalinist since the 1930s, has broken into an impassioned repudiation of his own past. He writes: "Where is Howard Fast? I remember so well how at cultural and peace conferences in his lifetime this question would be boomed out by speaker after speaker in tones of menace, until it became a monotonous refrain symbolizing the guilt between the two sides. You would make a mildly derogatory remark about the Russian system, and you would be called a 'deviationist'—politicians or writers or scientists or musicians who had been put on a list of 'deviationists'—where is Howard Fast? I remember so well how at cultural and peace conferences in his lifetime this question would be boomed out by speaker after speaker in tones of menace, until it became a monotonous refrain symbolizing the guilt between the two sides. You would make a mildly derogatory remark about the Russian system, and you would be called a 'deviationist'—politicians or writers or scientists or musicians who had been put on a list of 'deviationists'—where is Howard Fast?"

WHERE indeed...? Does Mr. Fast himself know? Does anybody know? And, where it comes to that, is Mr. Khrushchev, there, at the very centre of the phenomenon? Or is he, as he stands, the so familiar, glib, adroit and astonishingly tough little figure, to all appearances, a man who has been in the revolution and still, I suppose, believes that he can put up with it? But to my mind one thing is clear, and that is that the man who still stands, sturdy and upright and defiant at the heart of it all, is no more in control of the tides. He cannot control that upheaval. He cannot tell it when to stop. He did not even start it. His celebrated speech, his denunciation of Stalin, was not a cause but a response.

TO change the metaphor (there are times when reality is so fantastic that we can only approach it through metaphors), history, its forward march kept up for too long by the legendary Georgian, has broken loose in Russia. The man that any Soviet leader can do is to seek to ride the great wave which has its origin in a profound disillusionment, the slow, blind, uncoordinated, irresistible pressure of the inarticulate Russian people stretching themselves, and beginning to find their strength.

Mr. Khrushchev is not even seeking to deny that wave. He is trying to ride it until its first impulse is expended. It is very much in question whether he will succeed. I believe that he is only at the beginning of a drama and a historical process whose end nobody can guess.

London, June, 1956.

Pakistan Threatened With Major Flood.
PACCA, East Pakistan, Sunday (Reuters).—Pakistan's rivers were today reported to be rising and several areas already flooded from heavy rains. The river Ravi, tributary of the river Sutlej, is reported to be at the highest level in 24 years.

New Cyprus Plan To Be Revealed This Week

LONDON, Sunday (Reuters).—Britain this week will announce a new plan for the future of Cyprus, aimed at ending terrorism and removing the island from the list of world trouble spots.

It is believed that the proposals would be set out by Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden and Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Premier, when they meet at Sir Anthony's country residence at Chequers. It is taken for granted that Mr. Nehru, who is here for the Commonwealth Premier's conference, told Sir Anthony of the talks he had in Athens yesterday with Greek leaders about the Cyprus issue.

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Those features of the plan which have leaked out confirm that it contains: 1. A formula under which a date would be set for the island's half million population—roughly 400,000 of Greek origin and 100,000 Turkish Cypriots—would be ruled. Most commentators here are suggesting the period before self-determination would be between 19 and 15 years. 2. A recommendation that Lord Radcliffe, an eminent British jurist, should draft a new constitution to give the islanders a liberal measure of self-government. Most observers here are agreed that the constitution must provide for an elected majority of Greek Cypriot members of an assembly. 3. Provisions for safeguarding the rights of the Turkish Cypriots and the defence interests of Turkey, whose coast is only 40 kms. from the island. 4. A demand that terrorism must end before steps can be taken to implement the proposals.

Turkey, which ceded Cyprus to Britain in 1878 and bitterly opposed any change of sovereignty, now, it is said, strongly resented its opposition when it was informed of the British proposals about a week ago.

5 BRITONS HURT IN CYPRUS BOMB BLAST

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuters).—Five British servicemen were wounded, two seriously, when terrorists threw three bombs today at two vehicles near Dhekelia village, 40 kms. north of Famagusta. Troops chased and captured two youths seen running away from the spot. The wounded soldiers were flown to hospital by helicopter. In Famagusta police headquarters were rocked by the explosion of a time bomb in the Criminal Investigation Department early today. There was no one in the room at the time but furniture, windows, fittings and the ceiling were shattered.

Tito in Bucharest For Three Days

BUCHAREST, Sunday (Reuters).—President Tito of Yugoslavia arrived here today for a three-day stay on the way back to Belgrade after his visit to Russia. President Tito said that he considered his visit here only at the beginning of a drama and a historical process whose end nobody can guess.

HEAVY DELUGE IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Sunday (UP).—Record floods swept over southwestern Queensland and western New South Wales today. Heavy rains on the Darling River watershed resulted in a deluge as heavy that many districts are completely under water. The river, at its highest stage since 1950, was 30 kms. wide near its junction with the Murray River.

U.S. Not Rushing To Disarm, Twining Says

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuters).—The U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, General Nathan Twining, told top Soviet leaders tonight that America disarmed in 1945, but would not do so again until world-wide arms control became effective.

The general, leading a 10-man U.S. delegation to the Soviet air show, was speaking during a lavish five-hour party given by the Soviet leaders which ended with the greatest aviation display seen in Moscow since the "cold war."

Gen. Twining told the Russians: "My country has provided through the years that we are a peaceful people. We always got into wars very late. After World War Two we completely disbanded our forces. This, gentlemen, is disarmament."

"We have had to build up our forces and we are not going to reduce them again until we are assured of a world-wide arms control. We would like to bring them down again."

Earlier, the Soviet Union showed Western air leaders seven new jet fighters—three of them triangle-shaped flying wings never seen before. The new jets, howling low over the grassy fields, stole from older bombers, elaborate mass aerobatics, parachute jumping and a troop-lifting exercise by 40 helicopters.

About 200,000 gathered at Tushino military airfield outside Moscow to see the demonstrations, together with representatives of Western air forces invited to the annual display for the first time.

High British and American Air Force officers said they were very impressed. Western observers speculated that the three delta-winged jet fighters would easily be superior.

All three planes were clearly experimental, carrying test instruments in the nose. The other four were new modifications of Soviet fighter designs seen in previous exhibitions.

One other new aircraft shown was a medium-sized, high-winged armed transport powered by two turbo-prop engines compared by American observers to the American C-119.

In the main jet pool, three existing bomber designs were shown in force: four-engine turbo-prop "Bear" bombers, three four-engine "Bliss" inter-continental bombers, and nine twin-jet "Badger" medium bombers.

No new bombers were shown, though some had been expected. Civil aviation was represented by the twin-jet airliner, the four-engine "Ilyushin" for the Soviet leaders' visit in April.

The Communist Party Secretary, Mr. Khrushchev, and Minister Bulganin and other Government leaders watched the display from an awning-covered balcony on the main aircraft building, where delegations from about 30 countries watched from a flag-draped platform on the roof.

had passed, members of the crowd broke through police barriers and tried to parade with the green-and-white flag of the Algerian insurgents.

M. Seydoux was reported to have threatened to leave the saluting base if the Algerian flag were paraded, a police dispersed the crowd.

Morocco Blames French For Attacking Village

PARIS, Sunday (Reuters).—The Moroccan Embassy announced last night that the Moroccan Government has protested to France about last Wednesday's clash involving French troops in eastern Morocco.

Syrians Kill 2 Turkish Soldiers In Border Clash

Two Turkish soldiers were killed, one was seriously wounded, and an officer was still missing last night, following an exchange of fire with Syrian gendarmes in north Syria earlier in the day, according to the Arab News Agency from Damascus.

The incident began when two Turkish patrols chased a group of smugglers across the border. The Turks shot at the smugglers near the village of Deir Qamar, allegedly starting a field fire which caused extensive damage to crops.

Syrian gendarmes retaliated by firing on the scene and the clash continued for two and a half hours. A joint Turco-Syrian investigation is being carried out.

(Reuters reported that a Syrian spokesman said last night that Turkish authorities had apologized for the frontier clash. Turkish officials said their patrols had crossed the frontier by mistake near the village of Derona, where chasing sheep smugglers, the Syrian authorities added.)

Nasser Assured Of Referendum Victory

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuters).—Colonel Abdul Nasser was today assured of nomination as President of Egypt.

Officials said that Abdul Nasser, the Prime Minister and head of the Revolution, had already captured more than 91 per cent of the votes cast yesterday when Egyptians answered the question whether they approved of Abdul Nasser for President.

His name was the only one on the ballot. The voters also approved a new "People's Constitution" drafted by the Cabinet and proclaimed last January.

Final returns are expected to show that Abdul Nasser had won 91 per cent of the votes cast yesterday. About 8 million Egyptians had the right to vote, and about 94 per cent were expected to have gone to the polls. Voting was obligatory, or men, but optional for women.

NASSER DECORATES SHEPILOV, ROBERTSON

CAIRO, Sunday. — Premier Abdul Nasser accorded medals to Foreign Minister Dimitri Shepilov of the Soviet Union and other state guests attending the evacuation day festivities, it was announced today.

U.S. WIDENS AID TO LEBANON

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP).—The State Department yesterday broadened its economic aid to Lebanon on the eve of a visit by Foreign Minister Dimitri T. Shepilov of the Soviet Union.

The International Cooperation Administration announced that an additional \$3.6m. of U.S. aid would be made available for Lebanon for improvement of public roads and transportation. The new funds bring to \$7.7m. the total of U.S. mutual security aid to that country during the current fiscal year.

Of the new U.S. funds, \$3m. is earmarked to finance a section of a highway running from Damascus to Beirut. Another \$300,000 will be used to send American technicians to the Lebanon to advise on a highway security project. The remaining \$470,000 will go towards improving Beirut international airport, largest in the area.

JORDAN MUNICIPAL COUNCILS DISSOLVED

The Jordan Minister of Interior, Brig. Mohammed Ali Ajluni, has stated that because of "discord between councilors," he has decided to dissolve the municipal councils of the Old City, Ramallah, Bethlehem, Ajlun, Ramtha, Anjara, and Akaba.

FORMOSA COMPETES

TAIPEI, Sunday (Reuters).—The Chinese Nationalist Government will send a mission to join the annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca on July 15.

The mission will also visit Jordan, Lebanon, Yemen, Tunisia and Morocco, the sources said.

Two Frontier Police Killed In Jordan Attack from Kaikilya Kibbutz Member Wounded

Two men of a Frontier Police patrol were killed and a member of a kibbutz was wounded yesterday by fire from the Jordan side of the border, the Army spokesman announced last night.

The dead men were Yosef Oren, of Haifa, who came in 1948 and is survived by a wife and child, and David Ashraf, 22-year-old bachelor who arrived from Morocco in 1951. They were killed in the morning near Kibbutz Nir Elyahu, in the vicinity of Kfar Saba, but their bodies were not recovered till late in the afternoon after the shooting had ceased. Both had been badly burned by a brush fire which had raged over the fields of the kibbutz during the morning and early afternoon.

The Jordanians first opened fire from the Kaikilya police station at an Israel patrol which was in Israel territory near Kibbutz Nir Elyahu at 10.30 a.m. Half an hour later, the fire was directed at the kibbutz itself, in whose fields near the border a brush fire broke out. Members of the kibbutz returned the attack, fire, and in the exchange, one member was wounded.

Israel Complains to MAC Against Nasser's Public Threats

Israel complained yesterday to the Mixed Armistice Commission against Egypt's publicly-announced threat and plan to attack as a "flagrant violation" of Article 1 of the Armistice Agreement. This Article guaranteed the rights of both sides against just such threatened action.

Two similar complaints against threats voiced from public forums by the leaders of Jordan and Syria were filed with the Mixed Armistice Commissions last Wednesday.

Yesterday's complaint, however, was more strongly worded than its predecessors. "Upon the completion of the Syrian withdrawal from the Suez Canal Zone, Egypt paraded her newly-acquired weapons," the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday. "During these celebrations in a public declaration informed the world in substantial terms that he planned to use these same weapons against Israel."

The spokesman then quoted Article 1 of the Armistice Agreement, which assures each side against planned or threatened action against the other. It further secures the right of each party "to its security and freedom from fear of attack."

Colonel Nasser's statement, as reported by Cairo Radio on June 19, said: "We have lost a precious part of our homeland: Palestine has been paralyzed. We are now obliged to be strong in order to liberate the entire Arab land from Morocco to Baghdad and in order to retrieve the rights of Palestine's people. We must unite for the realization of our goals."

Kirkbride Confers With Jordan Premier

Sir Alec Kirkbride, former British Ambassador to Jordan, arrived in Amman on Saturday night and yesterday had a two-hour talk with Premier Said al Mufli and Foreign Minister Fawzi Mulki, NEABS reported.

There was no official indication why Sir Alec arrived in Jordan, but he was recalled that the last time he was in Amman was a few days after the dismissal of Gen. Sir John Glubb as Commander of the Arab Legion. It was given out that he had only come to "collect historical data" for a book he is writing on Jordan.

Cabinet to Study Youth Groups; Hears Myerson, Eban Reports

The Cabinet yesterday appointed a ministerial committee to study the position of youth movements in elementary and secondary schools and to propose recommendations regarding their recognition.

The committee was headed by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and the other members are Messrs. Aranne, Barzilai, Yehuda, Burg, Leor and Namir.

It is believed that the matter was brought up by Ben-Gurion, which has long been seeking recognition for the youth movement, Hashomer Hatzair.

At present, movements affiliated with political parties are not recognized. Recognition involves special privileges, including financial support in some cases.

Foreign Affairs

Mr. Golda Myerson submitted her first report as Foreign Minister. Among the subjects discussed was immigration from Morocco. Mr. Abba Eban, Ambassador to the U.S., also reported to the Cabinet.

Syria Neutral, Shepilov Told

DAMASCUS, Sunday. — President Shukri al Kuwailat told the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Dimitri Shepilov last night that Syria would remain neutral by a policy of strict neutrality.

He said that Syria would remain friendly to all nations supporting justice and freedom. The visiting Russian diplomat replied that the Soviet Union supported all nations seeking "liberation."

Kuwailat declared that Syria wanted the Arab world to form a neutral bloc "which observes justice and will stand on the side of those who fight the spirit of evil and aggression."

He hoped that the ties of friendship between Syria and the Soviet Union would become stronger, and expressed Syria's thanks for Soviet support in her attitude towards Arab problems.

Speaking at a dinner given in his honour by President al Kuwailat, Mr. Shepilov declared that "When the defenders of imperialism realized that their influence was being destroyed, they created aggressive military alliances such as the Baghdad Pact to maintain their influence."

Syria, he said, had "suffered considerably on account of the pressure brought on her and aimed at forcing her into the pact. However, people who know freedom and independence cannot be forced into the slavery of imperialism."

He claimed that Russia did not want military bases or oil concessions. The Soviet Union would not sow dissension among Arab countries and did not think of creating enmity between the Arabs and the Western powers.

Syrian House Again Postpones Session

The Syrian Parliament for the second time postponed its session, scheduled today, to hear Premier Sabri al Asali's policy statement and give its vote of confidence to the new Cabinet. The Premier yesterday asked the House to arrange a meeting for Wednesday.

The session was originally scheduled for last Tuesday but was postponed at the request of the Cabinet which "wanted to introduce last-minute alterations" in the policy statement.

There has been serious differences between the pro-Egyptian El Ba'ath Party and the pro-Israeli A-Shaba Party Ministers over the Premier's statement on foreign policy.

NEABS reported that there was a likelihood of a compromise between the two parties. Representatives of the two groups met last night and were expected to agree to one from El Asali's statement the reference of "closeness with Egypt."

JORDAN'S U.S. ENVOY SHIFTS TO BEIRUT

The Jordan Ambassador to Washington, Abdul Munim Rifai, will be transferred shortly to head the Embassy in Beirut, "Palestine," the Old City daily, reported yesterday. He will return to Amman this week.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi entertained to luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Sharetz on Saturday. Mr. Sharetz is to speak on immigration from Morocco at the Yotav Amphitheatre, Beer-Sheva, tomorrow.

The Minister of Posts, Dr. Yosef Burg, received Mr. Abraham Greenbaum, Chairman of the Board Drive Office in London, and Mrs. Greenbaum, on Saturday.

Mr. Pinhas Lavon, M.K. who was admitted to Beithan hospital on Thursday, was reported yesterday to be improving.

A reception in honour of the members of the Standing Committee of the Hebrew University's Board of Governors was given by the President of the University and Mrs. Mazar at their home on Saturday night. Among those present were the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Posts, the Governor of the Bank of Israel, the President of the U.N. Technical Assistance Board and the British Consul in Jerusalem.

Lord and Lady Strathgairn spent the weekend with the Technion in Haifa. They were the guests of Rav-Aluf and Mrs. Yaskov Dor at a reception dinner on Friday. Kurt Sitte, head of the Technion Physics Department, and Mrs. Sitte, met with a number of other staff members and visited the campus of Technion City on Mount Carmel.

Dr. Benjamin Aksh, holder of the Chair of Political Science and International Law at the Hebrew University, has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Prof. Aksh has been elected Dean of the Law Faculty for the coming two years, a post he also held from 1954-55.

Dr. S. Ben-Tur, Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at the Technion and Head of its chemistry Testing Laboratory, has been granted a one-year leave of absence to accept the position of visiting Professor at the College of Mineral Industries of Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Ben-Tur will pursue special studies in the corrosion of glass, under a contract with the U.S. Office of Naval Research.

The Brazilian artist, Candido Fortini, on Friday met Israeli painters at the Museum of Modern Art, Haifa, for a discussion of problems of art.

Mr. Otto Sonnenfeld, General Manager of Forum Films in Tel Aviv, served as Chairman of the Board of Judges at the exhibition of cultural films at the International Film Festival in West Berlin last week.

A fashion show for the benefit of the Anti-Tuberculosis League will be held at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem, at 4 p.m. today.

The Natanya Rotary Club is to hold its annual Ladies Night this evening at 8:15 at the Hotel Greenstein. Mr. Shmuel Rosen will be guest speaker.

MEMORIAL MEETING
A memorial meeting for the late Prof. Isaac Eliazar, Vice-Chancellor, on the occasion of the first anniversary of his death, will take place under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Technion Research Station and the Hebrew University, in the lecture hall of the Faculty of Agriculture at Rehovot, today, at 4 p.m.

The United Restitution Organization (U.R.O.), Tel Aviv, hereby announces that claims of Austrian Jews who will be registered very soon. Details will be published this week. (Advt.)

Women's Club For Lachish
RAMLE, Sunday. — A women's club sponsored by WIZO, was formally opened today in Moshav Petachya, on the northern border of the Lachish development area. The moshav is settled by Turkish and Indian immigrants and was adopted by the Tel Aviv WIZO Tourist Committee, headed by Mrs. Rava Yagion.

The Tel Aviv volunteers carry a programme of assisting the newcomers in their adjustment to Israeli farm life. Their work in the field is led by Mrs. Rava Gershtein, of Tel Aviv.

MEMORIAL SCHACHMAN DIES AGED 60
The death took place in Jerusalem yesterday of Mendel Schachman, an employee of Kol Zion Lachish. He was 60. Born in Lithuania, Schachman was educated at the University of Ghent in Belgium. He emigrated to South Africa and from there came to Israel in 1949. He leaves a wife and three children. The funeral service will be at 4 p.m. today from the hospital for Max Mannhot cemetery. (Times)

General Relaxation of Tension Noted in Communist China

PEKING, Sunday (Reuters). — Speeches in the National People's Congress during the past week have emphasized the feeling of general relaxation which observers have noted in Communist China in recent months and especially over the past few weeks.

Criticism has been more outspoken, past errors more frankly admitted and the Congress has been a place where grievances are laid and government departments condemned.

This air of general relaxation is a measure of the assurance of the leaders that Communist China's political and economic frontiers are now firm, and that world tension has relaxed.

Observers here saw it as complementary to the events in Russia and East Europe following the 20th congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

The lessening of internal tension can be seen in the move to allow intellectuals more freedom of thought, in the activities of Christians, and in the attitude towards Wednesday afternoons in Communist China.

Leaders Inevitable
But the party and its leaders are still to be inviolate, and there has been no diminution of the campaign against Chiang Kai-shek or against the Nationalist Government.

A speech in Peking by Lo Su-ching, the Minister of Public Security, spotlighted the change in approach and the increased optimism of the Government.

Last year, he gave dire warnings of the activities of counter-revolutionaries and saboteurs and launched an all-out campaign against them.

This year, though still calling for vigilance, his speech was much more restrained.

Haifa-Eilat Flights

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A new passenger air service between Haifa and Eilat via Lyda is being started on Friday by Arkia Airways.

On the first flight, seven passengers travelled from Lyda to Haifa in the Dakota aircraft which has a seating capacity of 30. Nine passengers made the first trip from Haifa to Eilat. There are 15 bookings for Monday's Haifa-Eilat flight, a number described by the company as "unusually high for a beginning."

Arkia's twice-weekly flights to Eilat were suspended on Monday and Wednesday, and at the Carmel Hospital on Thursdays.

EMERGENCY CASES
In Haifa, a patient in future to be accepted at the Rambam Hospital on Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; at the Rothschild Hospital on Mondays and Wednesdays; and at the Carmel Hospital on Thursdays.

Where to go
Meet the Israeli Tourists invited to meet Israeli at home. Information at Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and other cities.

Jerusalem
Exhibition: Paintings and drawings by the Israeli artists, including Jacob Epstein, Marc Chagall, and others. Exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art, Haifa, for a discussion of problems of art.

Power Session Shows Atom Power Progress
VIENNA, Sunday (UP). — The fifth World Power Conference has given evidence that peaceful atomic power development is a tremendous step forward during the past six years. President Franz Holsinger, Chairman of the Austrian Electricity Board, said that the "great check-up" of the world's energy production ever made was concluded by more than 3,000 delegates.

Evidence was given, he said, that the gigantic energy resources of solar heat can be transformed into electric power successfully.

AGRADE "B" postal agency will be opened in the Government Housing Development by Dr. M. L. Lachish. The collection of the world's energy production ever made was concluded by more than 3,000 delegates.

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Life Suspended in Heart Operation

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuters). — A young woman's life was suspended for two minutes 10 seconds while surgeons repaired her heart valve.

Her body temperature was lowered to 55 degrees F. so that surgeons could cut off her blood circulation, drain the heart of blood and work on the faulty valve. The woman, Mrs. Stanley Friedman, 27, is now normal and healthy, doctors said.

Record Rate Of Solar Radiation

The highest rate of solar radiation measured for many years was recorded at the solar observatory of the Hebrew University's Department of Meteorology during the "long day" of the summer solstice.

According to the head of the Department, Prof. Dov Ahissar, the increased rate of radiation is due to the growing incidence of sun-spots which will continue to rise until 1967/68.

(Sun-spots are in fact gigantic protuberances of the sun, which bring its surface closer to the earth, sometimes hundreds of thousands of miles closer, and thereby increase the strength of the sun's rays.)

For this reason 1957/58 has been chosen as the International Geophysical Year, during which intensive observations will be made of the effect of sun-spots on the atmosphere and other geophysical phenomena.

As the last geophysical year took place 25 years ago during a period of minimum incidence of sun-spots, observations by way of contrast will be of particular importance.

Pushkin Egyptian, Yemen Mission Told in USSR

More than 70 students graduate annually from the Arabic faculty of Moscow University and are immediately employed in the broadcasting and foreign services, according to the correspondent of the Cairo daily Al-Ahram who is now accompanying the Yemenite Crown Prince, Mohammed ibn Badr, on his five-month tour of Russia.

He quoted the Dean of the Faculty as telling the Crown Prince that the poet Pushkin, although born in Russia, was of Egyptian stock (Pushkin, of dark complexion, was often referred to as "the African" by contemporaries.—Ed.).

The correspondent said that Foreign Minister Shepilov had told Badr that the Russian was willing to aid the Yemen unconditionally in the search for natural and mineral resources, and that the Soviet Union would open the doors of its universities to train Yemenite engineers.

In commercial talks with the Yemenite delegation the Soviet offered to sell crude oil at competitive prices in exchange for Yemenite leather and wheat.

Appeal Rejected in Dutch Abduction Case

AMSTERDAM, (By Mail). — The Netherlands Supreme Court recently rejected the appeal of M. L. Lachish, a Dutch Jew, against the sentences imposed on them by the Amsterdam Higher District Court last March for the abduction of the Jewish war orphan Anneke Beekman. The sentences have now become final.

The two van Moort sisters, and Anneke Beekman herself, are still missing and are believed to be hiding in a Belgian convent.

The Amsterdam Higher District Court had sentenced them to three, six and two months imprisonment, respectively.

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